

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An applicator nozzle comprising:
an attachment portion configured to attach the nozzle to a receptacle configured to contain a product; and
an arrangement of at least three teeth disposed so as to form a single row comprising
first and second end teeth, and
at least one intermediate tooth between the first and second end teeth, the intermediate tooth defining a channel extending lengthwise along the intermediate tooth and being configured to be placed in flow communication with product contained in the receptacle, the channel opening laterally on an exterior of the intermediate tooth via at least one outlet aperture facing substantially in a direction of at least one adjacent tooth, wherein the intermediate tooth defines at least one groove, wherein the outlet aperture opens into the groove at a first end of the groove, wherein the groove extends lengthwise relative to the intermediate tooth from the first end of the groove substantially to a second end of the groove at a free extremity of the intermediate tooth, wherein the arrangement is formed by a single molded piece, wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to product flowing from the at least one outlet aperture, in the direction of the at least one aperture, beyond said first and second end teeth, wherein the first and second end teeth are devoid of any outlet aperture, and

wherein the first and second end teeth are the only teeth in the row devoid of any outlet aperture, and

wherein the nozzle does not have any row of teeth other than the single row of teeth formed by the arrangement of at least three teeth;

wherein the channel is defined by an inner wall surface of the at least one intermediate tooth and wherein, at a location adjacent the outlet aperture, a deepest part of the groove is in substantial alignment with the inner wall surface at a location adjacent the outlet aperture and on a side of the outlet aperture opposite the groove.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the channel opens on an exterior of the at least one intermediate tooth via two outlet apertures facing in opposite directions.

4 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the first and second end teeth are solid.

7 - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the attachment portion comprises screw threading configured to engage with corresponding screw threading associated with the receptacle.

10. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 9, wherein the screw threading of the attachment portion is configured to engage with screw threading on a neck portion of the receptacle.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the nozzle is configured to apply product to hair on an individual's head.

13. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to product flowing substantially on respective sides of the end teeth facing away from adjacent teeth.

14 - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the groove is substantially elongate.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) An applicator assembly, comprising:
a receptacle configured to contain a product; and
the applicator nozzle of claim 1 attached to the receptacle.

19. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 18, further comprising a
product contained in the receptacle.

20. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 19, wherein the product is a
cosmetic product.

21. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 19, wherein the product is a
product intended for application to hair on an individual's head.

22. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 18, wherein the receptacle
comprises a tube.

23. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 22, wherein the tube is
deformable.

24 - 38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) An applicator nozzle comprising:
an attachment portion configured to attach the nozzle to a receptacle configured
to contain a product; and

an arrangement of at least four teeth disposed in a single row comprising

first and second end teeth, and

at least two intermediate teeth positioned directly next to one another in the row, the at least two intermediate teeth being between the first and second end teeth, the at least two intermediate teeth comprising at least one intermediate tooth defining a channel extending lengthwise along the intermediate tooth and being configured to be placed in flow communication with product in the receptacle, the channel opening laterally on an exterior of the intermediate tooth via at least one outlet aperture facing in a direction of at least one adjacent tooth,

wherein the intermediate tooth defines at least one groove,

wherein the at least one outlet aperture opens into the groove,

wherein the arrangement is formed by a single molded piece,

wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to product flowing from the at least one outlet aperture, in the direction of the at least one aperture, beyond said first and second end teeth,

wherein the first and second end teeth are devoid of any outlet aperture,

wherein the first and second end teeth are the only teeth in the row devoid of any outlet aperture,

wherein each of the at least two intermediate teeth of the row defines an aperture facing in the same direction, and

wherein the nozzle does not have any row of teeth other than the single row of teeth formed by the arrangement of at least four teeth;

wherein the channel is defined by an inner wall surface of the at least one intermediate tooth and wherein, at a location adjacent the outlet aperture, a deepest

part of the groove is in substantial alignment with the inner wall surface at a location adjacent the outlet aperture and on a side of the outlet aperture opposite the groove.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the channel opens on an exterior of the at least one intermediate tooth via two outlet apertures facing in opposite directions.

42 - 43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the first and second end teeth are solid.

45. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the at least one outlet aperture is disposed proximate the free extremity of the intermediate tooth.

46. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 45, wherein the at least one outlet aperture is spaced from the free extremity of the intermediate tooth.

47. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the attachment portion comprises screw threading configured to engage with corresponding screw threading associated with the receptacle.

48. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 47, wherein the screw threading of the attachment portion is configured to engage with screw threading on a neck portion of the receptacle.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the nozzle is configured to apply product to hair on an individual's head.

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to product flowing substantially on respective sides of the first and second end teeth facing away from adjacent teeth.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 39, wherein the groove is substantially elongate.

55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) An applicator assembly, comprising:

a receptacle configured to contain a product; and
the applicator nozzle of claim 39 attached to the receptacle.

57. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 56, further comprising a product contained in the receptacle.

58. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 57, wherein the product is a cosmetic product.

59. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 57, wherein the product is a product intended for application to hair on an individual's head.

60. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 56, wherein the receptacle comprises a tube.

61. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 60, wherein the tube is deformable.

62. (Currently amended) An applicator nozzle comprising:
an attachment portion configured to attach the nozzle to a receptacle configured to contain a product; and
an arrangement of at least four teeth disposed in a single row comprising first and second end teeth, and

at least two intermediate teeth positioned directly next to one another in the row, the at least two intermediate teeth being between the first and second end teeth, the at least two intermediate teeth comprising at least one intermediate tooth defining a channel extending lengthwise along the intermediate tooth and being configured to be placed in flow communication with product contained in the receptacle, the channel opening laterally on an exterior of the intermediate tooth via at least one outlet aperture facing in the direction of an adjacent tooth,

wherein the intermediate tooth defines at least one groove,

wherein the at least one outlet aperture opens into the groove at a first end of the groove,

wherein the groove extends lengthwise relative to the intermediate tooth from the first end of the groove to a second end of the groove at a free extremity of the intermediate tooth,

wherein the arrangement is formed by a single molded piece,

wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to flow of product from the outlet aperture, in the direction of the outlet aperture, beyond the first and second end teeth,

wherein the first and second end teeth are devoid of any outlet aperture,

wherein the first and second end teeth are the only teeth in the row devoid of any outlet aperture,

wherein each of the at least two intermediate teeth of the row defines an aperture facing in the same direction, and

wherein the nozzle does not have any row of teeth other than the single row of teeth formed by the arrangement of at least four teeth;

wherein the channel is defined by an inner wall surface of the at least one intermediate tooth and wherein, at a location adjacent the outlet aperture, a deepest part of the groove is in substantial alignment with the inner wall surface at a location adjacent the outlet aperture and on a side of the outlet aperture opposite the groove.

63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the channel opens on an exterior of the at least one intermediate tooth via two outlet apertures facing in opposite directions.

65. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the first and second end teeth are solid.

66 - 67. (Cancelled)

68. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the attachment portion comprises screw threading configured to engage with corresponding screw threading associated with the receptacle.

69. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 68, wherein the screw threading of the attachment portion is configured to engage with screw threading on a neck portion of the receptacle.

70. (Cancelled)

71. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the nozzle is configured to apply product to hair on an individual's head.

72. (Original) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the arrangement is configured so as to present an obstacle to product flowing substantially on respective sides of the end teeth facing away from adjacent teeth.

73 - 75. (Cancelled)

76. (Previously Presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 62, wherein the groove is substantially elongate.

77. (Cancelled)

78. (Previously Presented) An applicator assembly, comprising:
a receptacle configured to contain a product; and
the applicator nozzle of claim 62 attached to the receptacle.

79. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 78, further comprising a product contained in the receptacle.

80. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 79, wherein the product is a cosmetic product.

81. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 78, wherein the product is a product intended for application to hair on an individual's head.

82. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 78, wherein the receptacle comprises a tube.

83. (Original) The applicator assembly of claim 82, wherein the tube is deformable.

84 - 110. (Cancelled)

111. (Previously presented) The applicator nozzle of claim 1, wherein the at least one intermediate tooth comprises at least two intermediate teeth positioned directly next to one another in the single row of teeth, wherein each of the at least two intermediate teeth defines an outlet aperture facing in the same direction.

112. (New) The applicator nozzle of claim 12, wherein the at least three teeth of the arrangement include teeth tip free ends that are in a substantially linear arrangement.

113. (New) The applicator nozzle of claim 50, wherein the at least four teeth of the arrangement include teeth tip free ends that are in a substantially linear arrangement.

114. (New) The applicator nozzle of claim 71, wherein the at least four teeth of the arrangement include teeth tip free ends that are in a substantially linear arrangement.